

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Lifeline and Link Up Reform and)
Modernization)
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WC Docket No. 11-42

**RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF MASSACHUSETTS, LLC NOTICE OF INTENT TO
FORBEAR FROM OFFERING LIFELINE BROADBAND SERVICES**

RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, LLC¹ (RCN or the Company) is designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy for the purpose of receiving Lifeline support in Massachusetts.² In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Lifeline Modernization Order³ and Forbearance Guidance Public Notice,⁴ RCN hereby notifies the Commission of its intent to avail itself of the Commission's forbearance from the requirement to

¹ The Company was incorporated and provided services as RCN-BecoCom, LLC, but has been providing services under the name RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, LLC since July 2015.

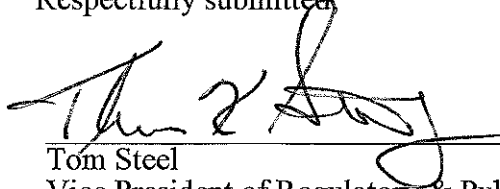
² See *Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications & Energy on its own motion concerning (1) designation of eligible telecommunications carriers, pursuant to § 102 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"); (2) participation in the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") modified Lifeline program and acceptance of increased federal funding, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.400-54.417 et seq.; and (3) participation in the FCC's program for discounted intrastate rates for telecommunications services for rural health care providers, pursuant to § 254(h) of the Act*, D.T.E. 97-103, Order (Dec. 1997).

³ See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 16-38 (rel. Apr. 27, 2016) (Lifeline Modernization Order).

⁴ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted By Lifeline Modernization Order*, WC Docket No. 11-42, Public Notice, DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016) (Forbearance Guidance Public Notice).

offer Lifeline broadband services throughout the Company's service territory.⁵ Attached hereto is an Excel file that identifies the geographic areas by census block and associated Federal Information Processing Standards Code where RCN is availing itself of forbearance relief.⁶

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Steel", written over a horizontal line.

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⁵ See Lifeline Modernization Order ¶¶ 300-301 (concluding that “that it is in the public interest to forbear, pursuant to section 10 of the Act, from requiring existing Lifeline-only ETCs to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service”).

⁶ See Forbearance Guidance Public Notice at 3-4.